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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES USING A  
COMBINED SAMPLE TREATMENT AND SAMPLE CARRIER  
DEVICETHE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language, reference numerals and multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

The cancellation of some claims has been done solely for the purpose of reducing the amount of excess claim fee, and not for any reason relating to the patentability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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